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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Zitting et al.

Serial No.: 10/757,774

Filed: January 15, 2004

For: SLEEVE ELEMENT HAVING A
BIASABLE END REGION, APPARATUS
INCLUDING SAME, AND METHOD OF
USE

Confirmation No.: 5475

Examiner: G. Lee

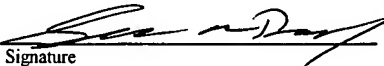
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed November 7, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on February 7, 2006. This Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Petition for One Month Extension of Time with appropriate fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.